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SUBJECT: JAN 25 MEETING OF TRADE COMMITTEE WORKING
PARTY: PANORAMA OF SITUATION IN TRADE
POLICY FIELD

REF: STATE 19109

1. TCWP REVIEWED SECRETARIAT'S "PANORAMA" PAPER, TC/WP(78)2, ON JAN. 25 FOR COMPLETENESS AND ACCURACY. FOLLOWING SUMMARIZES RESULTS:

A) GROUP AGREED PAPER WAS CREDITABLE EFFORT AS A "PHOTOGRAPH" OF TRADE POLICY SITUATION AND THAT NO GREAT EFFORT SHOULD BE EXPENDED TRYING TO MAKE IT PERFECT IN ALL RESPECTS.

B) MANY DELS EXPRESSED INTEREST IN OVERALL QUANTIFICATION OF MEASURES, NOTING THAT GATT

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DIRECTOR GENERAL LONG HAD GIVEN SOME FIGURES IN RECENT SPEECH. SECRETARIAT SAID THEY HAD BEEN UNABLE TO DETERMINE BASIS FOR GATT FIGURES, BUT WOULD ADD SECTION TO PAPER EXPLAINING PROBLEMS OF QUANTIFICATION.

C) ALTHOUGH US AND DENMARK (THE LATTER BEING

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ANNOYED BY MENTION IN THE PAPER OF ITS EXPORT SUBSIDY FUND) ARGUED FOR INCLUDING INTERNAL MEASURES WITH TRADE EFFECTS IN INVENTORY, OTHERS DID NOT THINK THIS DESIRABLE OR FEASIBLE AND IT WILL NOT BE ATTEMPTED AT THIS STAGE.

D) JAPANESE INSISTED THAT "SHIPS" AND ALLEGED VER'S ON CARS TO UK AND FRANCE BE DELETED FROM INVENTORY, STATING THAT NO ARRANGEMENTS EXISTED. JAPANESE ALSO SAID VER ON TV'S TO UK HAD BEEN TERMINATED AT END OF 1975. (STEEL VER'S WERE LEFT IN)

E) ANTIDUMPING AND COUNTERVAILING ACTIONS WILL BE LISTED IN SEPARATE SECTION AND NEW PROCEDURES ANNOUNCED BY US AND EC FOR STEEL WILL BE MENTIONED.

F) CHANGES IN U.S. TABLE WERE MADE PER REFTEL.

2. IMPORT SHARES PAPER: TCWP ALSO HAD BRIEF EXCHANGE OF VIEWS ON JUST-ISSUED SECRETARIAT PAPER WHICH CHARTS EVOLUTION OF IMPORT SHARES IN 4 KEY MARKETS(JAPAN, U.S., EC, NON-EC EUROPE) FOR 11 PRODUCT GROUPS. (ANNEX III TO TC/WP(78)2, COPIES BEING HAND CARRIED TO DEPT. BY M. KOHN, INR/REC). SECRETARIAT STATED IT HAD PRODUCED LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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THIS PAPER AT ITS OWN INITIATIVE TO ASSIST TC DISCUSSIONS. FRENCH AND EC COMMISSION WELCOMED PAPER AS BEING OF CONSIDERABLE INTEREST (MORE SO THAN TRADE MEASURES INVENTORY). JAPAN WAS MORE RESERVED. THEY AND OTHER DELS SUGGESTED PRESENTATION OF DATA COULD BE MADE MORE USEFUL IF CHARTS OF THE OVERALL SITUATION (NOT JUST THE 11 SECTORS AND 4 MARKETS) WERE INCLUDED AND IF THE MARKET SHARE DATA WERE COMPLEMENTED BY DATA ON TOTAL IMPORTS AND CONSUMPTION. SALZMAN

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